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WHEN ACTING SECSTATE FONAFAAIRS PHURISSARA HANDED ME NOTE NOVEMBER 20 REQUESTING TERMINATION US AID, I EXPLAINED OUR AID THROUGHOUT WORLD EXTENDED FOR PURPOSE ASSISTING COUNTRIES MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND DEVELOP THEIR ECONOMY TO STAGE WHERE FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AID NO LONGER NEEDED AND SAID IF CAMBODIA CONSIDERED IT HAD ARRIVED AT THAT STAGE, IT COULD ONLY BE PRAISED FOR SO DOING. I WAS CAREFUL NOT TO SAY I AGREED SUCH STAGE HAD BEEN REACHED. I AM ALSO EMPHASIZING IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH CAMBODIANS ESSENTIAL OBJECTIVES OF OUR POLICY TOWARD CAMBODIA REMAIN UNCHANGED; WE CONTINUE DESIRE TO SEE CAMBODIA MAINTAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE AND ITS NEUTRALITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, IN INTERVIEW WITH AFP CORRESPONDENT SIHANOUK IS REPORTED TO HAVE PAID EFFUSIVE TRIBUTE TO SENATOR MANSFIELD'S COMPREHENSION CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS BECAUSE OF HIS STATEMENT THAT AMERICANS SHOULD NOT BE DISPLEASED AT RKG REFUSAL ACCEPT US AID. TODAY'S EXTREME LEFT WING LA DEPECHE CARRIES EDITORIAL BY TEP CHHIEU KHENG SIMILARLY PRAISING SENATOR MANSFIELD'S UNDERSTANDING OF CAMBODIAN POSITION ON TERMINATION US AID.

DEPT MAY WISH TO PLAY THESE THEMES IN ANY STATEMENTS OR MATERIAL ISSUED IN WASHINGTON. GIVEN SIHANOUK'S DEEP-SEATED SUSPICIONS US STILL BITTERLY RESENT HIS NEUTRALITY AND SUPPORTS HIS NEIGHBORS' DESIGNS AGAINST HIM AND HIS PUBLIC EMPHASIS ON THESE THEMES,

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REPETITION US VIEWS IN THIS REGARD WOULD AT LEAST BE HELPFUL
VIS-A-VIS INFLUENTIAL CAMBODIANS AND PEOPLE, IF NOT WITH
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